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SUBJ AID LEVELS TO INDONESIA

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1. DEPARTMENT HOPES JAPAN WILL NOT REDUCE ITS
CONTEMPLATED AID PLEDGE TO INDONESIA BECAUSE OF U.S.
INABILITY THIS YEAR TO MAINTAIN DECEMBER PLEDGE. YOU MAY
DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN RESPONDING TO MIKANAGI.

2. AS ECON MIN CORRECTLY POINTED OUT, U.S. DECISION TAKEN
ONLY AFTER VERY CAREFUL CONSIDERATION OF A NUMBER OF
FACTORS, A MAJOR ONE BEING THE PROBABLE AID LEVEL WHICH
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CONGRESS WOULD ACCEPT. WE HAVE DISCUSSED THIS WITH THE

GOI AND BRIEFED OTHER IGGI DONORS BECAUSE OF OUR CONVICTION THAT IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE INTEREST OF ANYONE TO MISLEAD EITHER THE INDONESIANS OR OUR IGGI DONOR COLLEAGUES ON THIS SCORE. WE CONTINUE TO HOPE THAT OTHER DONORS WOULD NOT RPT NOT FIND THEMSELVES UNDER SIMILAR DOMESTIC POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS, AND WOULD THUS BE ABLE TO TAKE UP THE SLACK OR AT LEAST MAINTAIN USUAL PLEDGE LEVELS, AS AMBASSADOR SUNOBE TOLD AMBASSADOR NEWSOM IN JAKARTA (JAKARTA 3504). IT IS OF COURSE FOR THE JAPANESE TO DECIDE HOW MUCH IGGI ASSISTANCE WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH THEIR OWN FOREIGN POLICY INTERESTS, RATHER THAN ON BASIS U.S. INTENTIONS.

3. WE APPRECIATE JAPANESE CONCERN AND HAVE TAKEN THEIR VIEWS FULLY INTO CONSIDERATION. WE REGRET OUR DECISION MUST STAND, AND OUR REQUEST TO CONGRESS (NOW IN FINAL FORM) WILL BE AS PREVIOUSLY DESCRIBED.

4. REGARDING U.S. PROGRAM AID, WE INFORMED GOI LAST DECEMBER OF OUR INTENTION TO DISCONTINUE PROGRAM AID (FYI: AT THAT TIME WE ANTICIPATED THAT INCREASED PROJECT AID WOULD TAKE UP THE SLACK.) OUR LAST PROGRAM LOAN WAS AUTHORIZED IN JUNE 1973, AND FUNDS ARE BY NOW FULLY COMMITTED. KISSINGER

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